PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HOLMES REVEALED OFFICIAL REPORT TO COTTON BEARS

Juggled Figures, Altering Them to Suit Purposes of Brokers.

BIG SENSATION IN GOV'T BUREAU

Scandal Revealed Through Investigation of Secret Service Agents.

STATISTICIAN HAS BEEN SUMMARILY KICKED OUT

Reorganization of Office Ordered And Every Precaution Being Taken to Prevent Repetition of Trouble - Price Denies Having Any Connection with Affair.

of the investigation by secret service agents into the charges made by Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Cotton Plant Association, that information had given to cotton brokers in New by some person or persons in the of Agriculture, Secretary Wilson to-day publis an official report, in which he states that Edw.n S. Helmes, the he states that Edw.n S. Helmes, the associate statistician, has been gullty of "juggling" the official report. The report says it has been found that Mr. Holmes communicated advance information to L. C. Van Riper, a New York broker, and M. Haas, of New York, whom Mr. Van Riper said acted as a gc-between in conveying information from Holmes to better New York brokers, including The-Padore Price.

onveying information from Holmes to other New York brokers, including Thepidore Price.

Steps have been taken by Secretary Wilson to prevent any further leakage of the department figures, and an entire reoganization of the Bureau of Statistics and manner of preparing monthly con reports has been outlined by him. The papers in connection with the investigation were referred to the United States Storney for the District of Columbia, and he has reported that in his opinion a triminal prosecution will not lie against Holmes. Holmes has been dismissed from the service of the department.

According to the report Wilson Judd, of New York, formerly in the employ of L. C. Van Riper, induced the latter to tell of his connections with Holmes, and then communicated the information to Mr. Cheatham, Van Riper became the principal witness in the investigation consucied by the secret service, and said he was induced to communicate the fact that advance information was being given out by Holmes because the histograph of that had head that

was induced to communicate the fact that advance information was being given out by Holmes because he had heard that Holmes and his associates had intended to try to manipulate the June cotton report. Using this information as a foundation, the secret service agents interviewed numerous persons who had been mentioned by Judd and Van Riper, as well as gathering a mass of correspondence, including many letters written by Holmes to Van Riper and others.

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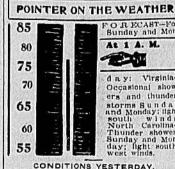
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The report made to Secretary Wilson in the secretary's' comments, together the details of the new plan of concing the Bureau of Statistics, makes ore than four thousand words. It resures the entire investigation, beginning the charges that were laid before cretary Wilson by Mr. Cheatham sevil weeks ago.

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The charges by Mr. Cheatham were backed up, with evidence that certain information had been given to cotton brokers in New York by some person or persons employed in the Burcau of Statistics, relative to the acreage and condition of the cotton crop of the United States, prior to the official publication of the information, and that the crop ligures had been tampered with in the department, in the interests of certain cotton speculators. Secretary Wilson determined at once upon a thorough investigation and furnished to officers of the United States secret service all of the vestigation and furnished to officers of the United States secret service all of the vidence which had been given to the department. The agents then were put in touch with Mr. Cheatham and directed to use every possible effort to ascertain whether there had been a leak in the department, and if so to furnish the secretary with the name of the person or persons responsible. Holmes is the only employe of the government who has been found to have had any connection with supplying information to brokers prior to the publication of the official report. After reviewing the charges, Secretary Wilson gives a summary of the testimony adduced before secret service agents. Mr. Van Riper, the New York broker, under examination, said he became accounted with Lelbers in New York by Mr. Van Riper, the New York brocer, under examination, said he became acquainted with Holmes in New York in August, 1901, through a "mutual friend." According to this testimony, Holmes jold Van Riper he could get information concerning the government crop report, principally through the report of the general agent and the report of the State agents. Van Riper said Holmes furnished him with information from time to time, for Van Riper said Holmes furnished him with information from time to time, for several months, in advance of the publication of the official figures, and that the information furnished by Holmes corresponded exactly with the figures afterwards published as the official crop reports. Van Riper stated that a Mr. Haas, of New York, acted as a go-between for Holmes and himself, and he was given to understand that Haas was securing information for Theodore Price, a cotton lication of the official figures, and that the information furnished by Holmes corresponded exactly with the figures afterwards published as the official crop reports. Van Riper stated that a Mr. Hass, of New York, acted as a go-between for Holmes and himself, and he was given to understand that Hans was securing information for Theodore Price, a cotton broker, of New York, The witness said he met Hans at the Hotel Waldorf, and was told by him that the report for June, 1905, would be seventy-five per cent, on condition, and tweive and one-half or thirteen per cent, on acreage, which was bearish as they could make it; and that he was going to see Price with whom he would have an interview (Continued on Second Page.)



day: Virginia-Occasional show ers and thunder

O R ECAST-For

At 1 A. M.

Highest temperature yesterday...... Lowest temperature yesterday......

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

JAPANESE ENVOYS LEAVE FOR AMERICA

Peace Plenipotentiaries Now on Steamer Minnesota Bound

nesota, of the Great Northern line, having on board the Japanese peace plenipotentaries, sailed from this port for Seattle to-day. The governor of Yokohama and the civic bodies escorted the plenipotentiaries to the pier. The Marquis Ito, Premier Katsura, the other members of the cabinet, Mr. Griscom, the American minister, and the staff of the legation, were among those who accompanied Baron Komura and his party to the Minnesota. An enormous crowd of Japanese and foreigners with bands of music assembled at the water front, and general enthusiasm was manifested. esota, of the Great Northern line, having

KILLED EIGHT MEN TO MAKE "GOOD"

"Hide Hall" Arrested Charged with Murder of John Grubb In Virginia.

(By Associated Press.)
CHEHALIS, WASH., July 8.—Asserting that he had killed eight men to make them good; as all live men are bad. Hezekiah Hall, fifty-six years old, said to be familiarly known in Lee county, Va., as "Hike Hall," was arrested today, charged with killing John Grubb and with other serious offenses in Virgina. day, charged with killing John Grubb and with other serious offenses in Virginia. Hall says he killed Grubb in self-defense. He told Sheriff Urquhart that he had killed eight men, remarking that men were never good until they were dead, and that he had "run up against" eight men whom he found it necessary to make good.

BANKS ALL OVER COUNTRY INVOLVED

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., July 8.-The closing of the Darlington Trust Company's tice saying that the failure was caused pany, was followed to-day by the filing of petitions by creditors of the oil company in two courts, alleging indebtedness of about \$750,000, with assets mainly based on cost of the mills, which was less than \$100,000. Banks all over the country are said to hold paper of this concern, including many warehouse receipts for oil, which the petition alleges are the country are said to hold paper of the concern, including many warehouse receipts for oil, which the petition alleges are the country are said to the petition alleges and the country are said to the petition alleges are country and the company of the company was \$1,000,000, and was largely held in South Carolina, Charleston hav-ing a considerable amount.

Prostrated by Lightning.

(By Associated Press.)
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NEW YORK, July 8.—Ten persons were prostrated and rendered unconscious to-day by a stroke of lightning in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

The spectacle caused a panic, Ambulances were soon on the spot, and the injured persons were restored to consciousness. All of them are expected to

Well Known Printer Shortly

After Expires in Station

House.

Found in Monroe Park in an uncon-

scious condition, Mr. H. W. Bowles, a well-known printer of the city, was taken

to the Second Police Station shortly after

six o'clock yesterday evening where he

dled half an hour later. Brain trouble

Mr. Eugene Walton found the ill man

was attributed as the cause of death.

IN MONROE PARK

IN DYING CONDITION

MONTAGUE HAS INVITED MARTIN

Asks for Joint Debate in Manchester Next Saturday Night.

BELIEVED SENATOR WILL BE AGREEABLE

Terms Asked Are That Those of King George be: Reversed. Martin Out of Town and Will Return Tuesday-A Great Crowd Would Attend.

Manchester, July 15th, night. Joint debate between Montague and

Proposition made by Governor to Sena-tor yesterday.

Both out of city, but terms likely to be accepted, with possibility of series of Joint debates to follow.

Much interest manifested and great crowd assured.

Prospects for a second joint debate between Governor Montague and Senator Martin seem bright, an invitation from the executive to the senator for a meet-ing in Manchester next Saturday night

having been issued.

Neither of the distinguished principals in the controversy was in the city, and the messages passed between their headquarters were understood to have been from their respective brothers, Mr. R. L. Montague and Mr. Leslie Martin, to one another.

Governor, sent an invitation to the sena-tor's headquarters at Murphy's Hotel shortly after 1 P. M., asking for the meeting referred to above, the King George terms to be reversed—that is to say, the senator to open in one hour; the Governor to follow in an hour; the senator to rejoin in half an hour, and the Governor to close in the same length of time. Senator Martin's brother, after reading the letter, sent back to Mr. Montague a courteous message, stating that his brother was out of the city, but indicating that his note would be considered later on. Sovernor, sent an invitation to the sena

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There is hardly a reasonable doubt that a great crowd will greet the speakers if there shall be a joint debate, as now seems likely. There is no concealment on either side that the friends of the candidates are willing, and it would cause no great surprise if the King George meeting shall result in an early agreement for joint debates all over the State, on terms alternating at every other place. There is no doubt that the voters desire this, and a great many are of opinion that it is the real way for candidates to conduct a fight before the masses of the party.

Up to this date there have been but two challenges, and they have both been

challenges, and they have both been issued by Governor Montague. The Martin people, however, say their man is willing to all the meetings that may be desired, and they have unlimited confidence in his ability to hold up his end.

Will Answer Fully. ech referred to some matters not here tofore touched upon, and to which their favorite had not the opportunity to reply. They are saying now that the Gover-nor has had the benefit of these things said by the senator, and that he is pre-pared to answer them to their satisfac-

deal with the School Register and Cor-poration Commission matters which he will likely treat in greater detail if there shall be further debates, If the proposition of Governor Montague

If the proposition of Governor Montague shall be accepted, and the Manchester meeting is arranged, it is believed that more than a sufficient number of voters to fill the hall will go from this city, and there will hardly be room for all, unless there shall be an outdoor gathering. The senatorial campaign is already an epoch making one, and it is promising to

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EFFORTS TO SAVE CREW

Attempts to Raise Little Vessel

Ineffective and Hope Has

Been Abandoned.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, July 9.-5 A. M.-All hope of saving the crew of the submarine boat

Farfadet, which sank last Thursday morning at the entrance to the port of Sidi Abdallah, Tunis, is lost, the efforts made during last night to raise the vessel being ineffective.

July 8.—The ministry of marine has is-

July 8.—The ministry of marine has issued the following bulletin, concerning the submarine boat Farfadet:

"The Farfadet has not been towed into port, but salvage work is proceeding, and it is hoped to raise the submarine Sunday morning.

"At 6:30 o'clock this evening, the crew did not reply to a signal. Although the situation is desperate, hope of saving the men has not been abandoned."

Miss Sutton Champion.

(By Associated Pross.)
LONDON, July 8.—Miss May Sulton, of Pasadena, California, to-day beat the British champion, Miss K. Douglass, by 2-0 and thus becomes British, as well as American lady tennis champy... The scores were 6-3; 5-4.

OF SUBMARINE FAIL

MUTINY IS OVER; JAPS TAKE ISLAND

The Landing of Troops at Sakhalin Startles St. Petersburg.

REBEL WARSHIP HAULS FLAG DOWN

Surrendered to Roumania Officials Yesterday - Mutineers Will be Taken to Frontier and Liberated - Oyama Said to Be Slowly Forcing Linevitch Back.

(By Associated Press.)
KUSTENJI, ROUMANIA, July 8.—The lag of St. Andrew once again floats over the battleship Kniaz Potemkine and the errors to the Black Sea co couple of weeks past. The formal surcourred at 1 o'clock this afternoon, af ers a series of discussions and negotiaions between the Roumanian authorities ind the leaders of the mulineers.

the battleship on her arrival here called ipon the crew to surrender, in which case ers, or else leave the port forthwith. It lan vessels returned to this port with he intention of giving themselves up to on announced their acceptance of the Roumanian terms. The mulineers wanted to be permitted to bake off the treasure which was on board the Kniaz Potemkine, but the Roumanian authorities declined to acquiesce.

The Russians will gradually be conveyed to any frontier they may select, and will then be diberated, the local officials having given an understanding to this effect.

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The Roumanian flag has been hoisted

over the Russian war vessels, as well as the Russian, so as to prevent any attack on them in Roumanian waters by the vessels of the Russian squadron.

JAPANESE TROOPS SEIZE SAKHALIN

Significant Action Has Startled St. Petersburg-Linevitch Drawing Back.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, July 8.—7:50 P. M.—
A landing of Japanese troops on the
island of Sakhalin was officially reported o-night and startled military circles in St. Petersburg, though it had been real St. Petersours, though it had been real-lzed since the defeat of Admiral Rojestvensky, that the Japanese were able to take possession of the island as soon as they though fit. The strength of the landing force cannot be ascertained, but the garrison of the island is too weak to offer an effective defense,

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The Japanese fleet covering the landlng of troops on the Island, consisted of
two battleships, seven cruisers, three gunboats, thirty-six torpedo boats and ten
transports loaded with troops. The Japanese landed at the village of Merce, between Chipiyan and Korsakovsk. The commander of the Russlan detachmen of troops at Korsakovsk ordered the coas

is considered to express Japan's decision is considered to express Japan's decision regarding the formal conclusion of a general armistice, namely, that in the interval before the meeting it is necessary to occupy the island whose possession is an important card in Japan's diplomatic contest at Washington.

Linevitch Retiring.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, July 8.—I P. M.—The following official dispatch has been received from the Japanese army headquarters in Man-

nuria:
"Occasional collisions take place be tween scouts on both sides of the rall-road along the Feng Hwa, Kai Yuen, and Kwang Ping roads.
"The enemy is being gradually driven northward."

Taft and Party Off. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL, July 8.—The steamer Manchuria, having on board Secretary of War Taft. Miss Alice Roosevelt and a large party of United States senators and congressmen, sailed to-day for the Philippine Islands,

Squadron Sails.

Gy Associated Press.)

CHERBOURG, July 8.—The final ceremony of the transfer of the body of Admiral Paul Jones on board the United States flagship Brooklyn, took place at noon to-day. The American squadron sailed at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

125 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 125 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on pages 10 and 11 are as follows:

10 Office, 25 Domestics, 15 Trades. 25 Salesmen.

15 Agents. 35 Miscellaneous

This not only interest those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

ESTELLE SMITH GUILTY, FIVE YEARS IN PRISON



PRISONER FAINTS UPON HEARING HER FATE. Desperately III, Judge Clopton Allows Hor to Sit While Verdict is

TURNED PANTHERS SMALL CROWD AT ON HER OLD LOVER

Horrible Revenge of Beautiful Make Up in their Enthusiasm Girl Shocks All

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.) MADRID, July 8.-The revenge a beautiful young woman wreaked upon her betrayer-a revenge which ultimately ended in her own death, as well as his-

some, weird and unusual was it. In its conception and execution the rived in Seville a few days ago a traveldampteuse, or lion tamer, Donna Felicia, a young woman of rare beauty and great

a young woman of rare beauty and great courage. She was mistress of a cage of panthers of extraordinary ferocity and her act attracted endless attention.

One night there appeared among the spectators a young man named Don Juan D'Almeira, who, while watching the senorita's daring feat, recognized in the dampieuse a sweetheart of long ago, He had abandoned her, but now he was again drawn to her by memories of the past, and after the performance he called upon her in her dressing room.

Dona Felicia's heart was filled with a desira for revenge. The man had hard-stream of the past of the past of the force the woman skilled ressaid.

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On the day appointed Don Juan entered her dressing room. He had just eacted himself upon a sofa when Dona Felicia suddenly threw open a door communicating wit the panther's cage, and the beasts bound the panther's cage, and the beasts bound-ed upon the man, and in another moment were tearing him limb from limb. So horrible was the sight that the woman repented her act and sprang between the panthers and her old lover. But the infuriated animals had tasted blood and, turning from the dying Dan Juan, they struck her down and tore her to pieces also.

to Martin Their Lack of Numbers.

REPENTED OF ACT TOO LATE GOVERNOR AT BERRYVILLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CAPE CHARLES, VA., July 8 .- Sen ator Martin addressed a small crowd in Parson's Opera House this afternoon, taking up his record in the Senate in refutation of the statement that he had done nothing for the people, and was nothing more than a department runner. The senator was frequently applauded, and the sentiment of the unique product of the sentiment. and the sentiment of the audience was plainly with him.

Mr. George Hulvey, candidate for Su-perintendent of Public Instruction, fol-lowed Senator Martin in a short speech in behalf of his own candidacy.

GIVE MONTAGUE ONE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., July 8.—Notwithstanding the Martin majority in Nansemond, the county's Democratic Executive Committee voted at a meeting to-day to give Montague at least one election judge at each voting precinct. That was all the Montague men asked for, and this request was granted, by a Martin plurality of nine to two on the committee.

The committeemen, too, raised enough cash and secured sufficient pledges to warrant primary expenses without any assessments on candidates for State or national offices. The committee also discussed the plan for the choosing of a county representative to Virginia's General Assembly.

Some of the money was denated by persons other than those on the committee.

GOVERNOR MONTAGUE. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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BERRYVILLE, VA., July 8.—Governor Montague spoke here this afternoon to a large, representative and enthuslastic audience. His address was eloquent and forceful, and struck a responsive chord in the minds of his hearers.

Young Lady Quite Sick. Miss Mollio Hicks, who resides with her cousin, Mrs. L. P. Dixson, No. 1200 North Twenty-third Street, is quite sick with

SHOT MAN DOWN AS HE WAS ON WAY TO PRISON

"I Am Glad I Killed Him," Woman Says; "He Can Hurt No One Now."

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 8 .- As he was being taken to the police station to-night on a charge of assault, Emile Gerdron, fortytwo years old, was shot and killed on
Seventh Avenue by Bertha Claical, a
young woman with whom he is said to
have been living for six years. The
man was walking between two detectives at the time, and the woman on
Alarmed by their yearless of a small attempt at robbery in the heart of the Tenderloin early
to-day, when, according to the story told
by Harvey Booker, of Hampton, Va., two
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HIGHWAYMEN ATTACK VIRGINIAN IN CAB

Alarmed by Cries of Victim Robbers Threw Him Into Street.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, July 8.—There was a daring but unsuccessful attempt at rob-

Prisoner and Prosecutor Faint in the Court Room.

DRAMATIC END OF FAMOUS TRIAL

Scene Will Never be Forgotten by Those Who Witnessed It.

LAWYER IS HYSTERICAL; PRISONER UNABLE TO STAND

Jury Was Out But Comparative ly Short Time and Case Submitted to Them Without Argument-Had Little Difficulty in Reaching a Verdict.

"We, the jury, find the prisoner guilty of voluntary manslaughter. and ascertain her term of imprison-ment at five years in the penitents ary."—John S. Alvis, foreman.

As these words were read in a slow, solomn voice by Clerk Duke, fixing the fate of Estelle Townsend Smith, silence in the Manchester court room grew so intense that it could be almost felt, and, as the final word was uttered two of the principal actors in the great traged, that for two long weeks has held the attention of the community, fell forward utterly broken and wildly hysterical. Estelle Townsend Smith convicted or the killing of her child, sank into her brother's arms, seeking refuge in his kindly embrace from the punishment inflicted by the twelve men, good and true, who had weighed the evidence in the balance and had found her wanting. Mr. Page, Commonwealth's Attorney, as the last word of the verdict was uttered pitched forward on his face, crying like a child and babbling to himself about the awful events of the health broaking, murderous trial.

It was a dramatic scene; the woman stricken down by the hand of the prosecution, and the man whose unceasing toil and brilliant work had proved her guilty, collapsed together as the end was reached. The hunter and the hunted shared the selfsame fate and the mysterious shadows of misfortune that has followed this gruesome case again laid its hand upon those connected with its

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Like a Thunderclap.

The announcement that the jury had agreed upon a verdict came like a thunderciap out of a clear sky. There had been no idea that a decision would be reached before midnight, and when a knock sounded on the jury room door there were many who fancied that some juror desired additional instruction from the Judge.

Judge.

With the task of sitting evidence that had consumed ten days of the court's time, and the duty of considering the thirty-eight instructions of the court covering fifteen typewritten pages. It seemed to all those who had, followed the trial that a verdict, even under favorable circumstances, could not be reached under seven or eight hours. It was exactly 11:50 o'clock when the jury filed out to consider their verdict, and at 1:20 o'clock that verdict was written, after a conference of but one hour and forty-two minutes.

Foreman's Statement

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Mr. John S. Alvis, foreman of the jury, speaking for the members of the jury gave out the following statement to the Times-Disputch shortly after the verdict was read. This statement tells why a

"We considered that the woman, in a passion, struck the child, but with no intention of killing him. This is practically what we all thought. We talked over the case from the very first day, and discussed the evidence as it came before us. case from the very first day, and discussed the 'ev'dence as it came before us. As soon as I heard Judge Clopton read the instructions I made up my mind, and I was ready to vote as soon as we got into the Jury room. I voted for voluntary manishaghter. The first ballot was two fer eighteen years, six for ten years, and four for five years. Afterwards we got together, and every one of us is satisfied,"

Both sides are disappointed with the verdict. Mr. Page, in a broken, trembling votec, kept crying as he was carried from the court room: "If I had only argued it," while Messrs. Smith and Wolls stated that they had no doubt but that they could have secured an acquital or lessened the time of punishment had they been able to have presented their side of the case to the jury.

Mrs. Smith was not sentenced, for her counsel asked for a stay of judgment until Tuesday, July 18th. She was taken to jail by Sergeant Saunders, accompanied by her brother, Dr. Townsend, and, indeed, her condition was of so serious a nature that she was unable to do more than give a nod of thanks to the friends who accompanied her to her carriage.

Dr. Townsend stated that he had noth-

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Dr. Townsend stated that he had nothing to say about the verdict. Although he has borne himself like a stole throughout the painful and wearing days of the trial, the verdict struck him like an ugly blow, and for an instant he dropped the brave mask that has been turned for two weeks towards the curious world.

Deciding Instruction.

THE DISPATCH FOUNDED 1850.